

## The Lebanon Express.

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The states and territories of the Pacific coast are receiving a boom this year that has not been equalled since the days of '49. The pursuit of gold will draw men everywhere, and a statement to the effect that the metal may be picked up or dug out of the earth in its virgin purity, with very little trouble, will attract multitudes to the spot. It was such a state of affairs that attracted to the coast thousands of men in the year referred to and subsequent years; but the attraction of to-day is not gold, in the sense of forty years ago. They are coming because of the salubrious climate, the productive soil and the general healthfulness of the country; they are coming now to build up homes to live and die here. Then they came expecting to make a fortune in a few months and return to the scenes of their childhood to spend the remainder of their days in peace; now they come to build cities, and factories, and workshops, and to tickle the soil that it may laugh a harvest; to create a new community and expand the dominion of our grand and free government. Progressive and wide-awake towns will now shoot ahead of their more slothful neighbors and "knock the persimmon." It behooves us to make the future prospects as attractive as possible, consistent with the truth, that out of the thousands of people seeking new homes, some may be induced here to alight and here to build their nests.

The people of Texas are to vote on a prohibitory amendment next August. A self-constituted committee has recently been inviting prominent democrats to attend a meeting on the 30th for the purpose of calling a democratic convention in May to oppose prohibition. Senator Rengan has made a reply to such invitation. After picturing the wretchedness and dishonor to be encountered in every community resulting from the use of liquor, the distinguished senator says: "I must express my regret that any effort has been made to make a party question of prohibition, and especially do I regret that democrats would seek to identify that great and historic party with the fortunes and fate of whisky shops, drunkards and criminals. We now have an opportunity to promote sobriety, thrift and happiness without endangering the success and the perpetuation of the principles of the democratic party, and I am in favor of doing so, and at the coming election shall so vote, not because I believe prohibition is the most effective remedy which could be adopted by those evils, but because it, in my judgement, favors a policy which will do much for the improvement of the condition of our people, peculiarly and socially, and towards placing them on a higher and better plane of civilization."

Referring to the Haddock murder, the *Portland World* says: "The trial of John A. Haddock, the brewer, at Sioux City, Iowa, for the murder of Rev. Geo. C. Haddock, over a year ago, is going on and commands great attention throughout the whole country, but particularly in that state, where it is recognized that no matter who actually shot Mr. Haddock, the crime was the result of concerted plotting against him by the saloon and brewery men of Sioux City, their deep-seated animosity having been engendered by the active part taken by him in prosecuting violators of the prohibitory law. The tragic death of Mr. Haddock has had more powerful influence in closing saloons and curtailing violations of the law since that occurrence than all else combined."

In the Kansas House of Representatives on Wednesday last the Murray Temperance bill on the third reading was carried by a vote of 90 to 15. There were 17 absent. This bill imposes upon druggists the strictest observance of the prohibitory amendment. It makes it impossible almost for both the druggists and the county officers to evade the law without being liable to the severest punishments.

The indications are that there will be an unusual flow of water down the Columbia river. The heaviest fall of snow that has occurred for years fell the past winter in the mountains on the Upper Columbia. Portland and The Dalles, says an up country exchange, would do well to set their houses in order and prepare for the overflow that is sure to come.

Washington territory contains 66,880 square miles, or exactly the same area as the states of Rhode Island, Delaware, Connecticut, New Jersey, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Maryland, and West Virginia combined. Yet with all this expanse of territory, Rhode Island, the smallest of the group, has double her population.

Arensford, who has been tried at Sioux City, Iowa, for the murder of Rev. Geo. C. Haddock, has been acquitted. It is said that Arensford and his friends will now do everything they can to convict Leavitt, who is strongly suspected of the crime. Justice is strongly demanded in this case.

April 15 was the twenty-second anniversary of the death of Abraham Lincoln, and memorial exercises under the auspices of the Lincoln Guard of Honor were held at 2 o'clock in the hall of the house of representatives at Springfield, Ill.

The General Assembly of Virginia is holding an extra session, mainly to take action regarding the state debt.

## STATE NEWS.

A rich vein of coal has been discovered in the mountains near Forest Grove. Last year's wheat crop has been about all shipped out of Rogue river valley now.

Prospects for crops in Rogue river valley were never better this season of the year.

All the available Chinamen from about Corvallis have gone to work on the Oregon & California extension.

Circuit court will reconvene at Jacksonville on the 25th, when a number of decisions will be pronounced by Judge Webster.

In the vicinity of Pleasant Hill, Lane county, only a few of the farmers are through seeding and some have scarcely begun.

Owing to the rains of the past week in Jackson county the roads have become quite muddy again in different localities.

About Newberg Yamhill county, everybody is busy putting in orchards. That vicinity a great many young trees have been set out this season.

Sheep men claim, says the *Arlington Times*, that more sheep perished on an average this season, in Eastern Oregon, than has been for several years.

There were 210 cars of freight shipped from Huntington the fore part of last week, awaiting transportation to Portland, says a La Grande paper.

Reports from Crook county show a considerable loss of cattle on the ranges. The season of the winter was quite severe, and cattle were scattered so they could not be fed.

The *Astorian* perpetrates the following joke: These seals are reported to have left Sand Island. They have the interstate commerce law under present consideration, probably.

A literary bureau has been formed at Newport, Benton county, for the purpose of distributing literature to aid in carrying the prohibitory amendment in November. They ask all people interested in this work to contribute their influence in its favor.

Milton Engle: If the harvest turned out as we now have cause to hope and all our anticipations are realization are left in the country. A great many strangers visited Milton during the week and all praise our wheat fields, our orchards and our strawberry beds.

Ashtland exchange: Henry Vinson, who came in from Bonanza this week, says horsemen in many portions of Klamath and Lake counties will be disappointed in the number of colts culled upon this spring, the increase having been cut down one-third or more by the hard winter.

The *Dalles Times-Mountaineer*: The cold weather during the past few days has been very injurious to the lambs, and a great loss is expected from this cause. We are informed that very many lambs died at Antelope last week on account of the cold weather. This will be quite a loss to our sheep men.

Rev. Campbell organized a prohibition club at Empire City several days ago, with 59 members. The officers are: Maj. M. Tower, president; F. Schetter, vice-president; S. Campbell, secretary; Mrs. M. Tower, Mrs. A. P. Owen, Mrs. I. Richardson, Mrs. J. G. Cook, and Miss Georgia Cammann, committee.

The Klamath *Star* is responsible for the following: Recently a pack horse belonging to the Nevada City & Downsville Stage company fell over the grade above Camptonville and slid down the snowy embankment 3000 feet to the North Yuba river. The animal was rescued a few days later alive with his load.

A militia company has been organized at Eugene City with the following officers: Captain, F. E. Patterson; 1st Lieut., S. C. Shadden; 2d Lieut., H. M. Lambert; 1st Sergeant, M. G. Butterfield; 2d, C. E. Lockwood; 3d, Geo. C. Swift; 4th, A. C. Woodcock; 1st corporal, Elmer Cleaver; 2d, Alex. Cockrell; 3d, H. F. Hollenbeck; 4th, C. J. Howard.

The *Arlington* paper is informed that Mr. Hicklin met with a severe loss in his band of sheep. He had been shearing and dipping, and the unprotected sheep, left out in the rain of Saturday night, chilled and several hundred died. This is a hard blow, at the end of a hard winter.

*Guard*: The bids for building the new Masonic Hall, were as follows: Roney & Abrams, \$9,700; G. H. Parks, \$9,765; W. H. Fenton, \$10,154; S. O. Garrison & Co., \$10,245; V. McFarland, \$10,000; Alexander & Davis, \$10,480; A. W. Scott, \$10,983. It is not likely that the contract will be let at these figures but that new plans will be prepared.

A few days ago on the Siuslaw, while a Mr. Palm was out hunting, he killed a very large deer. Being too heavy to carry home, the next day his son and Mr. Inman, a neighbor, took a horse to get it. When they arrived at the spot the deer was gone. The dog, seeing a track, soon treed a big California lion, which had taken the deer, ate most all of it, and then covered the remainder with leaves. Mr. Inman shot and killed him. This specimen of *feline color* was a "whooper."

The Polk County Teacher's Institute will be held at Dallas, beginning at 7:30 o'clock Thursday, April 28, and holding over Friday and Saturday. As this is an initial institute to the annual institutes required by the amended school laws, all teachers and friends of education are urgently requested to be present. At the evening sessions prominent educators will deliver lectures. An excellent program for the entire session is now in active preparation. State Superintendent McElroy will be present.

## Food From the Earth.

The chemistry of the earth requires a year to produce bread. All food—bread and meat and fruit in fact—comes from the elements stored by God in the earth, air and water. Edison thinks he has discovered how, instead of letting Nature occupy a year in the collecting of these elements, he will make all food within an hour by combining these elements organically. His meat compounds, for instance, are claimed to be formed by exposing the three elements in a red hot state to nitrogen gas though using different flavors, which he gets also from the earth. "I can make wine, and have made it," he says, "with New Jersey earth and water that no man can tell from Chateau Yquem." Edison is reported to have further remarked that "no change of food is contemplated. Every man can have food of the kind to which he is accustomed or which he prefers. It will be as easy to produce cabbage as oranges, or pork as partridges. We shall actually produce these very things but in a new form. It will be cabbages that have never felt the rain, and pork and partridges that have never been alive. We merely take a short cut and snatch the food from the earth, without giving it the trouble of growing. It will lack fiber, which is the only perceptible difference."

## TELEGRAPHIC NEWS.

THE WHEAT CORNERS EFFECT ON COAL. San Francisco, April 20.—Coal importers are now feeling the effect of the corner in the wheat market. Although freight on cereals to England has been reduced to 20 shillings, ships in the harbor cannot get cargoes, owing to the high prices for wheat. It was formerly the custom for vessels to take wheat to Europe and return with a load of coal, but as there is no foreign demand for wheat at the existing exorbitant figures, and coal vessels cannot afford to go one way without a cargo, no European coal is now coming into this port to speak of. If the present state of affairs continues, dealers believe that the prices of coal will advance as steeply on land as on sea, or as handlers in local coal cases to have competition.

WHEAT CORNER BROKEN. Chicago, April 23.—10:30 A. M.—The wheat market began to break this morning under free offerings. May delivery. The starting price for May was lower than 84 cents, with five sales at 84. The market held steadily until 10 o'clock, when free selling began, and a sharp break to 82 1/2 occurred. Offerings were very large all the way down. The market is still very nervous, May now being quoted at 82 1/2.

THE FREIGHT THIEVES. Pittsburg, April 20.—The first of the railroad robbery cases called this morning was that of J. L. Armstrong, an ex-conductor. The prosecution produced a valise which Armstrong had left in a barber shop and which was found to contain a quantity of stolen property. The prisoner was held over to the grand jury. A large number of prisoners waived examination and were remanded. They asked for a continuance until Wednesday.

WHY HE KILLED HER. San Francisco, April 20.—Referring to the recent murder of Mrs. Billon, at St. John, Colusa county, by Hong Dye, the Chinese servant, the *Chicago Tribune* says: "If you ask any of the Chinamen here why Hong Dye committed the murder, they will tell you because Weaver kicked him and whipped him that day with a blacksnake. Mrs. Billon saw the whipping administered and did not interfere, so he shot her too, to gratify his revenge."

RAIN AT LAST. St. Louis, April 20.—A copious rain fell here all day yesterday and most of last night, and this forenoon there was a brisk snow storm. Dispatches from numerous places state that the rainfall was general in Missouri, Kansas, Iowa, Indian territory, Central and Southern Illinois, and in a large part of Texas. Sufficient water has fallen to the drought-stricken regions, but to abundantly nourish growing crops and vegetation.

HEAVY TIMBER LAND SALE. New York, April 20.—The Northern Pacific railroad has consummated a sale of 200,000 acres of timber land in the eastern part of Minnesota, northwest of Duluth. The exact sections have not been located yet, but lawyers will probably notify the company of their selection this week. The names of buyers were not given, and the price paid is conditional on the amount of timber.

SNOW IN NEW YORK. New York, April 20.—At 7 o'clock this morning it began snowing hard and about 9 about one and one-half inches of snow had fallen. The rain turned to a sleet storm and at 10 the snow is covered with a crust of ice. Reports from the interior of the state show that the storm is general.

POLITICAL WORKER SENTENCED. St. Louis, April 20.—J. Egan, deputy recorder of votes, convicted of committing election frauds by falsely registering the names of voters last November, was sentenced in the U. S. court today to serve two years in the penitentiary at Leavenworth.

OLEOMARGARINE DEALERS IN COURT. New York, April 20.—About fifty dealers in oleomargarine appeared by attorney in the court of general sessions today, and pleaded guilty to violating the law, and were fined from \$50 to \$100 each.

SOCIALISTS SENT TO PRISON. Berlin, April 20.—The trial of twenty-four socialists charged with being members of illegal secret societies, just begun at Posen. Nine were convicted and sentenced to various short terms of imprisonment.

Mr. C. L. Smith, in a lecture to the farmers in Moorhead, Minnesota, stated that 6,000,000 pounds of butter of the product of 1885 sold for an average of six and one-fourth cents per pound. He stated that he has sent out two hundred inquiries among farmers in Minnesota asking what was the yearly average product of butter per cow, and found by the replies that it was about one hundred pounds per cow. Suppose he got thirty cents per pound for it, which was a high average, the product of each cow was only thirty dollars. Now, he claimed that it costs not less than thirty-six dollars a year to keep a cow. Here was a direct loss of six dollars per head on each cow that did not produce over one hundred pounds of butter a year. But if we improve our stock and keep cows that produce two hundred pounds of butter instead of one hundred pounds, the product amount to sixty dollars a year and leaves a profit of twenty-four dollars per head. He stated that Holmes and McKinstry's cows average twelve pounds a week for forty weeks in the year, or four hundred and eighty pounds per head. These cows were profitable. Common stock, kept in a common manner, as is customary among ordinary farmers, were not profitable.

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